

**THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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## **School Committee Governance Workshop Minutes**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

District Office Conference Room

2 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

6:00 p.m.

### **Members Present**

Jonathan Pope, Chairman  
Kathy Clancy, Vice Chairperson  
Tony Gross, Secretary (6:30 p.m.)  
Melissa Teixeira Prince  
Michelle Sweet  
Joel Favazza (6:05 p.m.)

### **Also Present**

Dorothy Presser, MASC

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – Waived.
- III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – None
- IV. DISCUSSION**
- A. Review of School Committee Operating Protocols and Rules of Procedure** – Ms. Presser presented a slide show on school committee operating protocols, including attributes and practices of effective school committees, understanding and respect for the roles of the superintendent and the school committee, effective governance teams, and the definition of operating protocols. The committee members then ranked how well they believe the committee is following its protocols, and the committee discussed the following matters:
- Levels of service for middle-of-the-road students
  - Location of school committee meetings
  - Amending agendas
  - School committee annual calendar
  - School committee members' lack of access to some administrators
  - Perceived disrespect by members of the committee
  - Emergency incident at O'Maley
  - Discussion of controversial subjects in public meetings
  - Addressing issues presented by community members
- V. ACTION** – None.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by Ms. Teixeira Prince, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** 6 in favor zero opposed, to adjourn the School Committee Governance Workshop of March 5, 2019 at 7:57 p.m.

*All reference documents and reports are filed in the Superintendent's office.*

*Maria Puglisi  
Recording Secretary*